House District 13 Representative

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AGE: 58

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage, Alaska

SPOUSE'S NAME: Donna

OCCUPATION: Teacher; Lawyer; Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 58 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Kalskag, 1991-1994; Fairbanks, 1997-1998, Kenai, 1998-1999; Kotzebue, 1999-2001; Juneau, sessions of 1990, 2003, 2013-2022; Anchorage, remaining 46 years.

EDUCATION:

West Anchorage High, 1982. Whitman College, BA History, 1986. UAA, MAT, 1992. Dickinson School of Law-Penn State, JD, 1997.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

MOAZoning Board of Examiners and Appeals and Planning and Zoning Commission, 2003-2008; Alaska State House, 2013-2022. Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee, 2017-2018. House Finance Committee, 2019-2022.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Office of Sen. Ted Stevens, Intern, 1982. Kuspuk School District, Teacher, 1991-1994. Superior Court Judicial Law Clerk, Fairbanks and Kenai, 1997-1999. State Prosecutor, Kotzebue, 1999-2001. Attorney, Law Offices of Dan Allan & Associates, 2003-2008, and G.R. Eschbacher, 2008-2012. Adjunct Instructor of Constitutional Law, UAA, 2003-2008.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Wildlife Alliance; Advisory Board.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Backpacking, baseball/softball, fishing, kayaking, tennis, running/swimming. American politics and history. Travel. Fighting Crime! I'm a former prosecutor and the only Democrat to OPPOSE SB 91!

STATEMENT:

The work legislators do is never dull. Our problems are great, but not insurmountable. However, we are now called to a time for "citizenship". Each of us should emphasize selflessness and one's personal contribution to the greater good of all Alaskans. This may require a willingness to sacrifice for your state.

Spanning the last 10 years, I've missed the fewest votes of anyone on the House Floor, amounting to 2000 votes while missing a very few. My attendance in committee is also exemplary.

I'm proud to be the author of HB 23, which provides health insurance to the spouses and children of our fallen first responders.

My constituents should know that:

*I voted for the largest PFD in state history in 2022, while playing a critical role in saving the state \$1.5 Billion.

*I'll always consider the impacts of every action I take as a legislator on our natural environment: our water, land and air.

*I'll always protect the Permanent Fund, principally by not "invading" the Earnings Reserve past a point of sustainability. We abolished fish traps for violating escapement principles. Similarly, we need to protect the Permanent Fund from excessive draws.

*I'll always support robust K-12 and University budgets.

*I'll always oppose the Pebble Mine.

*I'll always protect the independence of our great court system.

*Í'll fight for the civil rights of all Alaskans including LGBT persons, and the bodily autonomy of women.

*I'll steadfastly support the rule of law and the peaceful transition of power at all levels.

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